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For: **METHOD AND PLANT FOR THE HEAT  
TREATMENT OF FINE-GRAINED SOLIDS**

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Examiner: G. A. Wilson

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 17, 2009

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated April 17, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.